

REMARKS

I. Status of claims

Claims 1-4 and 28 are currently pending. Claims 5-27 and 29 have been canceled with this response. In the Office action dated June 3, 2004, claims 1-4 and 28 were allowed.¹

II. Specification Objection

The Office objected to the specification because “screw collar” and “drop head” were both referenced as “32.” In accordance with the figures, drop head should properly be referenced as 30 and the screw collar should properly be referenced as 32. The specification has been amended so that drop head is 30 and screw collar is 32 at each place where these terms appear in the specification. In view of this amendment, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

III. Claim Objection

The Office has objected to claim 8 as having an improper dependency. Claim 8 has been cancelled and this objection is therefore moot.

IV. 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

The Office has rejected claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 29 has been cancelled. Accordingly, the basis for this rejection has been removed.

¹ See Paper No. 20040527 at Office Action Summary.

V. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 5-27 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of various combinations of references cited by the Office.² Claims 5-27 and 29 have been cancelled and therefore, the basis for this rejection has been removed.

² See Paper 20040527 at pages 2-7.

VI. Conclusion.

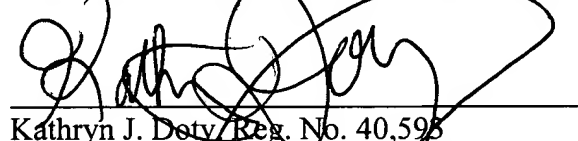
In light of the foregoing, the Applicant requests entry of the amendment to the claims and the specification, withdrawal of the objection to the specification, and solicits an allowance of claims 1-4 and 28. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should any issues remain unresolved.

If there are any additional charges in this matter, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1662.

Respectfully submitted,

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